

TRAFFIC ISSUES A615 TANSLEY – an update from Tansley Parish Council

In September 2011 Tansley Parish Council wrote to Cllr Simon Spencer, Cabinet member for Highways at Derbyshire County Council. The Parish Council was very concerned about speeding and the lack of traffic calming on the A615.

The Parish Council invited a Derbyshire County Council representative to visit the village; Cllr Sue Allsop and Bridget Gould met with a Parish Councillor. The visitors were asked to cross the A615 at two separate locations, Thatchers Lane/ The Tavern and Alders Lane/The Oak; the visiting councillor conceded that both locations were difficult to cross, particularly the location at The Oak/Alders Lane.

Tansley Parish council requested a feasibility study related to: **lack of traffic calming, speeding traffic, the re-instatement of the VAS (vehicle activated sign), and the possibility of an additional VAS and pedestrian crossing.**

Derbyshire County Council has completed its study, but unfortunately it did not do the pedestrian footfall count in the spring/summer months as requested by the Parish Council, nor did it take into account the fact that the location opposite The Tavern has been suggested as a pick up/drop off point for the Highfields school bus.

The Parish Council has been informed by Derbyshire County Council that "buff anti-skid" surfaces will be created at the gateways to the village on the A615 and that there will be improvements to existing signage and white lines. The VAS will be reinstated at the "wood yard location", but we will share this with Cromford Hill on a three-monthly cycle.

Because of funding, and the fact that 85% of the traffic flow on the A615 does not exceed 35 mph, Derbyshire County Council is not prepared to recommend an additional VAS when entering the village from Matlock. The footfall related to the provision of a crossing is not enough to warrant this facility at this time. Nor, according to our County Council, would an increase in the number of houses in Tansley necessarily guarantee the provision of a crossing on the A615 even if developers were willing to fund one.

With residents support the Parish Council will continue to lobby for a safer A615.